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~~Ship "Agnetes" - Capt. Taylor  
Managing Owner or Agent - Chas. H. Todd -  
Arctic Whaling Ground - 1853~~

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NO!!!

IT IS THE "JOHN HOWLAND"

May 26 - Oct. 30 1855 Capt. Alexander G. Taylor







put out the fires, furled foresail and close reefed  
at maintop sail at 10 AM moderated hauling 33  
more, ship heading to S.E. set foresail so could one  
man off duty sick

Tuesday May 29

Continues to moderate with  
thick fog at 1 PM started fires and began  
boil again middle part same later light air from  
steering W by N under later part same shook reef of  
of topsails set fly jib boiling one man off duty

Wednesday May 30th

Begins with light air from S with fog steering W by N  
under easy sail boiling middle part same fire  
boiling at 11 AM later part calm hauled aback  
windward all hands employed stowing down with

Thursday May 31st nearly calm laying aback  
in a thick fog exposing the ship near to the  
side island, finished stowing oil at 3 PM about  
4 PM in all middle and later parts laying aback in  
thick fog lowered boat and shot a mess of ducks

Friday June 1st

Begins with light air from N.E fog  
lifting made all sail steering W by N at 2 PM ran  
bearing N.W dist 20 miles at 5 PM passed into the  
whot sea middle part boiling winds which with  
the current carried us clear of the land later part  
fresh gale from S.W.E. turning S.W.W. all sail  
lowered scraping home and getting ready to re-  
in boat

Lat by 6h 50° 06' N

Long by 6h 152° 46' E

Saturday June 2nd

Begins with light S easterly  
all sail steering N.W. middle part same time



part very fine with light breeze from S  
steering N by W employed repairing boat  
Lat by Ob  $51^{\circ} 20' N$  Long by Chro  $152^{\circ} 14' E$

Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Clear weather all sail steering  
ing to N by W with all sail repairing boat  
under stunsail and fore top sail and towed  
ed them away middle part thick fog furled light  
sails later part same with clear weather saw crops  
and driftwood all sail steering N by W

Lat by Ob  $53^{\circ} 20' N$  Long by Chro  $151^{\circ} 33' E$

Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Begins with clear weather fresh  
breeze from SSW all sail steering N by W at 4  
foggy middle and later part same running and  
in easy sail N by W employed repairing boat

Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>

~~SSW with thick~~ Begins with fresh breeze from  
SSW with thick weather running under easy  
sail N by W, middle and later part same finished  
repairing boat. To day gave two men two shov-  
en apiece for refusing to obey orders of the officer on  
duty

Lat by Ob  $56^{\circ} 44' N$  Long by Chro  $149^{\circ} 00' E$

Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fresh breeze from S with thick  
fog at 4 P.M. spoke vessel Maria of N. B. and  
Ting Master 20 months out 1000 bbls oil middle  
and later part weather same steering N by S all  
sail in easy

Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Begins with westerly wind and thick fog  
running N by S with all sail at 8 P.M. saw



a whole once light airs from S.W. half the night  
on each tack later part calm with thick fog

Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Begin with calm and fog  
several seals birds in middle part fog and calm  
later light airs heading W.S.W. on starboard tack  
no wind

Lat  $64^{\circ} 56' 46''$  Long by Chron  $155^{\circ} 46' E$

Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>

Begin with light airs from  
S all sail heading W.S.W. thick fog at 3 cleared  
for an hour - saw nothing middle part light winds thick  
fog heading to N.E. under easy sail later part begin  
with a gale and rain and terminates with calm and  
wind S gradually heading to W averaging N.W.  
course under topsails and courses saw plenty of  
sea froth and drifted wood

Sunday June 10

Begin with light westerly wind  
heading gradually to N.W. at 1 noon ship heading S.  
at 4 S.W. clear by spells for half an hour at a time  
saw finbacks - middle part light breeze from N.W. clear  
weather later part same steering to N.W. with  
4 ships in sight at 4 P.M. saw one broadhead one  
rising coasted an hour without seeing her  
and kept on our course

Lat  $64^{\circ} 36' 10''$  W Long  $143^{\circ} 00' W$

Monday June 11

Begin with clear weather  
sail steering to Westward at 3 P.M. passed a  
piece of ice at 5 P.M. gained with ship 4 miles with  
20 sail of ships in sight middle part light airs  
clear at 3 P.M. ran into the ice later part steering  
to Westward along the ice several ships in sight



Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Begins with heavy weather  
and light airs from E working to N.E. along the  
ice several ships in sight at 6 P.M. joined with  
ship *Cornet's Howland*, These master 2 blasted whale  
the season, middle and later parts weather same  
working N.E. raised light considerable ice around

Lat by Est  $55^{\circ} 25' N$  Long by same  $143^{\circ} 17' E$

Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup>

ht airs from E Begins with very light  
ht airs from E with thick fog working to E  
with considerable ice at 4 P.M. lowered a boat  
to shoot some sea lions got one large one and  
skinned him, put out the larboard boat on  
the cranes and put the old one overhead  
middle and later parts same as end went sealing  
with one boat but got nothing

Lat by Est  $55^{\circ} 20' N$  Long by same  $143^{\circ} 08' E$

Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light airs  
and variable with fog working to N.W. along  
the edge of the packed ice middle part fresh breeze  
from S.W. clear all sail heading N.W. later part  
thick fog light variable airs Lat 11 joined with  
Ship *Polar Star* of A.P. & Bailey notes one dead  
whale

Lat by Est  $55^{\circ} 39' N$  Long by same  $142^{\circ} 51' E$

Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>


Begins with fine clear weather  
light airs from S.W. moving along the edge of the  
ice to N.W. joined with ship *P. Star*, and *South Pole*  
delivered to ship *P. Star* 10 bags potatoes fruit on board  
and for her at Cuxa middle and later part same as  
before of ship and seals

Lat by Est  $56^{\circ} 00' N$  Long by same  $142^{\circ} 44' E$



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Saturday June 16th

Begins with fine clear weather  
light wind from S & E all day blowing down the edge  
of the packed ice to the land & eastward.  At 4 P.M.  
made Jones Island bearing N.W. dist 30 miles, and  
depart fresh S.W. gale heading off and on the ice  
3 miles S.W. of Jones Island spoke Rebecca Sims, later  
part came at 9 A.M. lowered four boat for whales  
in the ice but not striking them, towed out a blub-  
bered whale we found out and got it along side  
so end. In

Lat by Obs  $56^{\circ} 05'$  N Long by Obs  $142^{\circ} 40'$  E

Sunday June 17th

Begins with fresh breeze  
from S.W. employed cutting the whale got through  
it at 8 P.M. and set watch, boats from several  
ships landed up during the afternoon with  
part breeze freshened double reefed fore and aft com-  
menced boiling later part same watch employed in  
boiling.

Lat by Obs  $55^{\circ} 56'$  N Long by Obs  $143^{\circ} 17'$  E

Monday June 18th

Begins with fresh gales from  
N.W. lying off and on the edge of the ice under  
double reef watch employed boiling saw many  
ships most of which have passed towards Jones Island  
middle part fresh gale from S.W. wind at 10 P.M. finished  
boiling later part fresh gales laying off and on the edge  
of the ice at 11 A.M. spoke ship India of the London & whaler  
the season

Lat by Obs  $55^{\circ} 50'$  N Long by Obs  $142^{\circ} 48'$  E

Tuesday June 19th

Begins with light S.W. winds  
moving along the edge of the ice to S & E spoke ship  
Thomas Dickson, of Greenland, Tuber Master & whaler  
and 2 smallish named until 10 P.M. middle part



John Green later same employed in stowing down  
oil 1552 gals

Lat by Ob.  $56^{\circ} 00'$  Long by Obs.  $142^{\circ} 30' E$

Wednesday June 20th

Begins with fine clear weather  
sailing through thin ice lowered for whales three  
times. Starboard boat struck and got line cut by ice  
and iron after sounding 200 fathoms line snuff put  
fine later saw at 4.44 lowered for whales waist boat  
struck whale ran to the ice and lost him with 800 fa-  
thoms of line so ends

Lat by Ob.  $56^{\circ} 05' N$

Thursday June 21st

Begins with fine clear we-  
ather sailing to N through the thin ice at 4.30.  
came in fog by back middle and later part and  
making ship to lose our place as near as possible  
so ends

Lat by Ob.

Friday June 22d

Begins with light air from  
S.W. by back at 8.30 passed forward heading to S.W.  
at 12 more ship to be strong gale and thick fog  
later part came at 5.44 more to S.W. and hauled  
aback so ends

Saturday June 23d

Begins with fog breeze from  
S.E. sailing with mainyard aback heading S.E. thick  
fog middle part under weigh heading half the night on  
different tack later part lay aback at 11.44 cleared  
made sail to W. ran five ships

Lat by Ob.  $56^{\circ} 36' N$

Sunday June 24th



Monday June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Begin with light off steady  
wind and sail, continued at 10 AM. at 11 AM  
boat for a bowhead Starboard boat, truck line  
moved to 2nd to secure the bowhead boat  
three days since we got out from under  
the irons then lost at 3 PM. at 4 PM along  
side and sailed on at night and light in  
and night with out sail in a dark stormy  
sea and commenced sailing the boat to the  
ground working to the light this is at 9 PM  
saw a few fish in a dark sea in very dark night  
and out of boat with out sail and light.

Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>

Begin with light air from  
the sea at 10 AM. at 11 AM  
in through the ice in a dark sea  
bow boat starboard boat went on top of one with  
out fastening so

after this time this journal got neglected and con-  
tains with all general observations relating to  
the subject of the voyage and is of a  
more private nature.



Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>

Friday June 29<sup>th</sup>











Aug 12<sup>th</sup> weather foggy and calm with quite a show of whales with the appearance of heavy weather but no wind and no rain but and tried to catch a whale but the fog and their wildness rendered all our efforts unavailing for five days we went to lower down at 3 AM and pulled in shore and out until daylight then drift about with the tide and at night then returned on board or if more convenient hauled up the beach until the 13<sup>th</sup>

Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

Today the 12 boats & 2 small boats were out on the West side of the island the 12 boats but a whale killed him and took him in tow the tide being fair at 5 PM the fog caused the two other boats came and assisted until the tide turned then anchored the whale and one boat left by him all night and the others went on board and returned at tide to see if they could catch another whale but of a week in the Gulf and had to come out the tide and 4 boats by the whale & being out in the morning so the boat was forced to make a fire and make themselves comfortable at 11 AM the tide turned and we got up shore without the ship and here is not without making a fire and seeing the ship however cut him in and still continued to try to catch another until the morning

August 14<sup>th</sup>

four boats went off and the 12 boats towards the South shore the 12 boats around the SW point of the island but finding it impossible to land under the lee of the SW point they went north for the weather to clear until a quarter of 10 when a whale drifting along the coast took them to and heeded for the ship got two miles and with some assistance anchored the whale it being too dark to go to the beach and back to the ship and the 12 boats kindled a large fire and lay down round it







Sept 3d

Sept 24th

Oct 1, 1881















June 20

Cloudy sunny weather Good crops  
helped single M Howard

Sat 21

Cloudy sunny weather slight shower and good  
crops

Sunday 22

Clear and warm went to Father

Monday 23. Began with fog, with weather for the season

went to St Pauls bought 20 bushels corn for 50 sh

Tuesday 24. Cloudy sunny weather went to fair farm bought

home, and in the afternoon went to the Educational

commission, my intention to accept an affair was

to go to Port Pigeon

Wednesday 25. Cloudy good weather and went to St

Thursday 26. Cloudy and raining during towards noon

afternoon fine weather and family

went to school the 27th

Friday 28. Clear and fine weather with a light wind

went to school the day at a picnic St

Saturday 29. Breeze with fresh wind from S.W. went to

school with my guests at 5 P.M. left

for home

Sunday 30. Clear and the warmest day of the season

So far, went to Long Island & saw Perry's Co

Monday 7th

Clear and sunny weather slight rain at the

evening good crops

Tuesday 8th. Clear and sunny weather went to school

Wednesday 9th. Clear and sunny weather with a light wind

went to school the day at a picnic St

Thursday 10th. Clear and sunny weather

went to school the day at a picnic St

Friday 11th. Clear and sunny weather

went to school the day at a picnic St

Saturday 12th. Clear and sunny weather

went to school the day at a picnic St

Sunday 13th. Clear and sunny weather



Saturday 12 Heavy weather with a heavy rain  
hay in the middle of the day  
Sunday 13, Wind S.W. light weather with a  
little and cultivated corn. The morning  
Tuesday 15th Wind S.W. weather with a  
little but not much rain. Last night  
Wednesday 16th Wind S.W. heavy rain at 10 o'clock  
at 11 o'clock rain ceased. Tuesday has  
corn and took care of hay.  
Thursday 17 Good dry weather snowing and being  
had 28 to half  
Friday 18 Fine dry weather finished morning and  
being corn with 28 to half  
Saturday 19 Boreas cloudy in the morning and  
then moved over to the Dasher farm and  
got it done  
Sunday 20 Boreas heavy weather most of the day  
found better getting plenty of hay. Part of hay  
done  
Monday 21 Perfect dry weather. Corn done  
reaching eye  
Tuesday 22 Clear weather moved 3 hours for J. S. then  
after that left 1 hour and 15 minutes  
Wednesday 23 Clear weather moved eye done and  
placed a pole for turnips  
Thursday 24 Clear weather moved eye done and  
placed a pole for turnips  
Friday 25 Clear weather moved a little and put corn  
in the wind bed  
Saturday 26 Cloudy forenoon afternoon clear finished  
reaching eye and worked it in the field  
Sunday 27 Boreas heavy weather and the rain with  
weather with 28 to half and left it at 10 o'clock  
Monday 28 Fine dry weather moved eye  
Tuesday 29



Monday 1st Rainy weather with some sun  
Tuesday 2nd Clear weather with some sun  
Wednesday 3rd Clear weather with some sun  
Thursday 4th Clear weather with some sun  
Friday 5th Clear weather with some sun  
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Sunday 14th Starting out for  
Monday 15th Fine weather and rather warmer -  
building a house  
Tuesday 16th Weather clear and fine sent to Peking  
Wednesday 17th got about 12 o'clock  
Thursday 18th Fine clear weather with light S.W. wind  
went sailing for house and then to Boat  
islands home for 1  
Friday 19th Fine clear weather quite warm went sailing  
Saturday 20th Fine clear weather sailing for Boat  
Sunday 21st Cloudy and warm with light S.W. wind  
Blowed boats back a little &c





































2. Pelicools

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5 gold calico

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